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- What means that lovely fruit? What means, alas!
That blood, which *flushes* guilty in your face? *Dryden.*
At once, array'd
In all the colours of the *flushing* year,
The garden glows. *Thomson's Spring, l. 95.*
4. To shine. Obsolete.
A flake of fire, that *flushing* in his beard,
Him all amaz'd. *Spenser.*
- To FLUSH. *v. a.*
1. To colour; to redden.
The glowing dames of Zama's royal court,
Have faces *flush'd* with more exalted charms. *Addis. Cato.*
Some court, or secret corner seek,
Nor *flush* with flame the passing virgin's cheek. *Gay's Triv.*
2. To elate; to elevate.
A prosperous people, *flushed* with great victories and suc-
cesses, are rarely known to confine their joys within the
bounds of moderation and innocence. *Literbury's Sermons.*
- FLUSH. *adj.*
1. Fresh; full of vigour.
He took my father grossly, full of bread,
With all his crimes broad blown, and *flush* as May;
And how his audit stands, who knows, save heav'n? *Shak.*
I love to wear cloths that are *flush*,
Not preface old rags with plush. *Cleaveland.*
2. Affluent; abounding. A cant word.
Lord Strat was not very *flush* in ready, either to go to law
or clear old debts; neither could he find good bail. *Arbutnot.*
- FLUSH. *n. f.* Afflux; sudden impulse; violent flow.
Never had any man such a loss, cries a widower, in the
flush of his extravagancies for a dead wife. *L'Estrange.*
The pulse of the arteries is not only caused by the pulsation
of the heart, driving the blood through them in manner of a
wave or *flush*, but by the coats of the arteries themselves. *Ray.*
Success may give him a present *flush* of joy; but when the
short transport is over, the apprehension of losing succeeds to
the care of acquiring. *Rogers's Sermons.*
2. Cards all of a fort.
To FLU'STER. *v. a.* [from *To flush*.] To make hot and rosy
with drinking; to make half drunk.
Three lads of Cyprus, noble swelling spirits,
Have I to-night *flusher'd* with flowing cups,
And they watch too. *Shakespeare's Othello.*
- FLUTE. *n. f.* [flute, flute, French; fluyt, Dutch.]
1. A musical pipe; a pipe with stops for the fingers.
Th' oars were silver,
Which to the tune of *flutes* kept stroke. *Shak. Ant. and Cleo.*
The soft complaining *flute*
In dying notes discovers
The woes of hopeless lovers,
Whose dirge is whisper'd by the warbling lute. *Dryden.*
2. A channel or furrow in a pillar, like the concave of a flute
split.
To FLUTE. *v. a.* To cut columns into hollows.
To FLUTTER. *v. n.* [ploten, Saxon; flutter, French.]
1. To take short flights with great agitation of the wings.
As an eagle stirreth up her nest, *flutters* over her young, and
spreadeth abroad her wings, so the Lord alone did lead
him. *Deutr. xxxii. 11.*
When your hands untie these strings,
Think you've an angel by the wings;
One that gladly will be nigh,
'To wait upon each morning-sigh;
'To flutter in the balmy air
Of your well-perfum'd pray'r. *Craslow.*
They fed, and, *flutring*, by degrees withdrew. *Dryden.*
2. To move about with great show and bustle without con-
sequence.
Excess muddies the best wit, and only makes it *flutter* and
froth high. *Grew.*
No rag, no scrap of all the beau or wit,
That once so *flutter'd*, and that once so writ. *Pope's Dunc.*
3. To be moved with quick vibrations or undulations.
Ye spirits! to your charge repair;
The *flutring* fan be Zephyretta's care. *Pope.*
They the tall mast above the vessel rear,
Or teach the *flutring* sail to float in air. *Pope's Odyssey.*
4. To be in agitation; to move irregularly; to be in a state of
uncertainty.
The relation being brought him what a glorious victory
was got, and with what difficulty, and how long the *flutted*
upon the wings of doubtful success, he was not surpris'd.
Hovel's Vocal Forest.
It is impossible that men should certainly discover the agree-
ment or disagreement of ideas, whilst their thoughts *flutter*
about, or flick only in founts of doubtful signification. *Lake.*
Esteem we these, my friends! event and chance,
Produc'd by atoms from their *flutring* dance! *Prior.*
Some never arrive at any deep, solid, or valuable know-
ledge, because they are perpetually *fluttering* over the surface
of things. *Watts.*
His thoughts are very *fluttering* and wandering, and cannot
be fix'd attentively to a few ideas successively. *Watts.*
- To FLUTTER. *v. a.*
7. To drive in disorder, like a flock of birds suddenly roused,

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- Like an eagle in a dovecoat, I
Flutter'd your Volscians in Corioli. *Shak. Coriolanus.*
2. To hurry the mind.
3. To disorder the position of any thing.
FLUTTER. *n. f.* [from the verb.]
1. Vibration; undulation; quick and irregular motion.
An infinite variety of motions are to be made use of in the
flutter of a fan: there is the angry *flutter*, the modest *flutter*,
and the timorous *flutter*. *Addison's Spectator, N. 102.*
2. Hurry; tumult; disorder of mind.
3. Confusion; irregular position.
FLUTTERICK. *adj.* [flutiatricus, Latin.] Belonging to rivers.
FLUX. *n. f.* [fluxus, Latin; flux, French.]
1. The act of flowing; passage.
The most simple and primary motion of fire is a *flux*, in a
direct line from the centre of the fuel to its circumference.
Digby on Bodies.
By the perpetual *flux* of the liquids, a great part of them is
thrown out of the body. *Arbutnot.*
2. The state of passing away and giving place to others.
The heat of the sun in animals whose parts are successive,
and in a continual *flux*, can produce a deep and perfect gloss
of blackness. *Brown's Vulgar Errors, b. vi. c. 10.*
What the stated rate of interest should be, in the constant
change of affairs, and *flux* of money, is hard to deter-
mine. *Locke.*
In the constituent matter of one body, turning naturally to
another like body, the stock or fund can never be exhausted,
nor the *flux* and alteration sensible. *Woodward.*
Languages, like our bodies, are in a perpetual *flux*, and
stand in need of recruits to supply the place of those words
that are continually falling through disuse. *Felton on the Claff.*
3. Any flow or issue of matter.
Quinces stop *fluxes* of blood. *Arbutnot on Diet.*
4. Dysentery; disease in which the bowels are excoriated and
bleed; bloody *flux*.
Eat eastern spice, secure
From burning *fluxes* and hot calenture. *Hallifax.*
5. Excrement; that which falls from bodies.
Civet is the very uncleanly *flux* of a cat. *Shakespeare.*
6. Concourse; confluence.
Left and abandon'd of his velvet friends;
'Tis right, quoth he; thus misery doth part
The *flux* of company. *Shakespeare. As you like it.*
7. The state of being melted.
8. That which mingled with a body makes it melt.
FLUX. *adj.* [fluxus, Latin.] Unconstant; not durable; main-
tained by a constant succession of parts.
To FLUX. *v. a.*
1. To melt.
2. To falivate; to evacuate by spitting.
He might fashionably and genteelly have been duelled or
fluxed into another world. *Saith.*
- FLUXILITY. *n. f.* [fluxus, Latin.] Easiness of separation of
parts; possibility of liquefaction.
Experiments seem to teach, that the supposed aversion of
nature to a vacuum is but accidental, or in consequence, partly
of the weight and fluidity, or at least *fluxility* of the bodies here
below. *Boyle.*
- FLUXION. *n. f.* [fluxio, Latin.]
1. The act of flowing.
2. The matter that flows.
3. [In mathematics.] The arithmetick or analysis of infinitely
small variable quantities; or it is the method of finding an
infinite small or infinitely small quantity, which, being taken
an infinite number of times, becomes equal to a quantity
given.
A penetration into the abstruse difficulties and depths of
modern algebra and *fluxions*, are not worth the labour of those
who design the learned professions as the business of life. *Watts.*
- To FLUX. *pret. flew or fled*; part. *fled or flown*. *v. n.* [pleogan,
Saxon. To fly is properly to use wings, and gives flew and
flown. To flee is to escape, or go away, pleagan, Saxon, and
makes *fled*. They are now confounded.]
1. To move through the air with wings.
Ere the bat hath *flown*
His cloister'd flight. *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*
Fowl that may *fly* above the earth in the open firmament
of heaven. *Gen. i. 20.*
These men's hastiness the warier sort of you do not com-
mend: ye with they had held themselves longer in, and not com-
flown so dangerously abroad before the feathers of the cause
had been grown. *Hawker.*
2. To pass through the air.
Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks *fly* upward. *Job v.*
3. To pass away.
Ev'n a romance, a tune, a rhyme,
Help thee to pass the tedious time,
Which else would on thy hand remain;
Though *flown*, it ne'er looks back again. *Prior.*
4. To pass swiftly.
The scouts with *flaying* speed
Return, and through the city spread the news.
Earth rolls back beneath the *flaying* feed. *Dryden.*

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5. To spring with violence; to fall on suddenly.
A servant that he bred, thrill'd with remorse,
Oppos'd against the act, bending his sword
To his great master; who, thereat enrag'd,
Flew on him, and amongst them fell'd him dead. *Shakesp.*
Though the dogs have never seen the dog-killer, yet they
will come forth, and bark and *fly* at him. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.*
No honour, no fortune, can keep a man from being mis-
erable, when an enraged conscience shall *fly* at him, and take
him by the throat. *South's Sermons.*
6. To move with rapidity.
Glad to catch this good occasion,
Most thoroughly to be winnow'd, where my chaff
And corn shall *fly* asunder. *Shakespeare's Henry VIII.*
A fair example to his master gave;
He bafas heads, to save his own, made *fly*;
And now, the sultan to preserve, must die. *Waller.*
7. To burst asunder with a sudden explosion.
Behold, a frothy substance rise;
Be cautious, or your bottle *flies*. *Swift.*
8. To break; to shiver.
9. [plean, Saxon; fliehen, German.] To run away; to attempt
escape. [In this sense the verb is properly to flee, when fled
is formed; but the following examples shew that they are
confounded.]
Which when the valiant elf perceiv'd, he leapt,
As lion fierce, upon the *flaying* prey. *Spenser.*
Macduff is *fled* to England. *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*
Ye shall flee, as ye *fled* from before the earthquake. *Zuch. xiv. 5.*
Abiathar escap'd, and *fled* after David. *1 Sa. xxii. 20.*
What wonder if the kindly beams he shed,
Reviv'd the drooping arts again;
If science rais'd her head,
And soft humanity, that from rebellion *fled*. *Dryden.*
He oft desir'd to *fly* from Israel's throne,
And live in shades with her and love alone. *Prior.*
I'll *fly* from shepherds, flocks, and flow'ry plains;
From shepherds, flocks, and plains I may remove,
Forfake mankind, and all the world but love. *Pope.*
10. To fly in the face. To insult.
This would discourage any man from doing you good, when
you will either neglect him, or *fly* in his face; and he must ex-
pect only danger to himself. *Swift's Drapier's Letters.*
11. To act in defiance.
Fly in nature's face:
—But how, if nature *fly* in my face first?
—Then nature's the aggressor. *Dryden's Spanish Fryar.*
12. To fly off. To revolt.
Deny to speak with me? They're sick, they're weary,
They have travell'd all the night! mean fetches;
The images of revolt, and *flaying* off. *Shakesp. King Lear.*
The traitor Syphax
Flew off at once with his Numidian horse. *Addison's Cato.*
13. To fly out. To burst into passion.
How easy is a noble spirit discern'd,
From harsh and sulphurous matter that *flies* out
In contumelies, makes a noise, and stinks. *Ben. John's Catil.*
Passion is apt to ruffle, and pride will *fly* out into contumely
and neglect. *Collier of Friendship.*
14. To fly out. To break out into licence.
You use me like a courser spur'd and rein'd:
If I *fly* out, my fierceness you command. *Dryden.*
Papists, when unoppos'd, *fly* out into all the pageantries of
worship; but in times of war, when they are hard press'd by
arguments, lie close intrenched behind the council of Trent.
Dryden's Medal, Dedicat.
15. To fly out. To start violently from any direction.
All bodies, moved circularly, have a perpetual endeavour
to recede from the centre, and every moment would *fly* out in
right lines, if they were not restrained. *Bentley's Sermons.*
16. To let fly. To discharge.
The noisy culverin, o'ercharg'd, let *fly*,
And bursts, unaiming, in the rended sky. *Granville.*
17. To be light and unencumbered; as, a flying camp.
To FLY. *v. a.*
1. To thin; to avoid; to decline.
Love like a shadow flies, when substance love pursues;
Pursuing that which flies, and *flaying* what pursues. *Shakesp.*
O Jove, I think
Foundations *fly* the wretched; such I mean,
Where they should be relieved. *Shakesp.*
If you *fly* physick in health altogether, it will be too strange
for your body when you shall need it. *Bacon's Essays.*
O whether shall I run, or which way *fly*
The light of this horrid spectacle. *Milton's Agamemnon.*
2. To refuse association with.
Sleep *flies* the wretch; or when with cares oppress,
And his toils'd limbs are weary'd into rest,
Then dreams invade. *Dryden's Juvenal, Sat. 13.*
Nature *flies* him like enchanted ground. *Dryden.*
3. To quit by flight.

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- Dedalus, to *fly* the Cretan shore,
His heavy limbs on jointed pinions bore,
The first who sail'd in air. *Dryden's Æn. b. vi.*
4. To attack by a bird of prey.
If a man can tame this monster, and with her *fly* other
ravening fowl, and kill them, it is somewhat worth. *Bacon.*
5. It is probable that *flew* was originally the preterite of *fly*,
when it signified volation, and *fled* when it signified escape;
flown should be confined likewise to volation; but these dis-
tinctions are now confounded.
FLY. *n. f.* [pleoge, Saxon.]
1. A small winged insect of many species.
As *flies* to wanton boys, are we to th' gods;
They kill us for their sport. *Shakespeare's King Lear.*
My country neighbours begin to think of being in general,
before they come to think of the *fly* in their sheep, or the tares
in their corn. *Locke.*
To prevent the *fly*, some propose to sow ashes with the
seed. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
To heedless *flies* the window proves
A constant death. *Thomson's Summer.*
2. That part of a machine which, being put into a quick mo-
tion, regulates and equalises the motion of the rest.
If we suppose a man tied in the place of the weight, it
were easy, by a single hair fastened unto the *fly* or balance of
the jack, to draw him up from the ground. *Wilkins.*
3. FLY, in a compass. That part which points how the wind
blows.
To FLY'BLow. *v. a.* [fly and blow.] To taint with flies; to
fill with maggots.
I cannot discern any labyrinth, unless in the perplexity of
his own thoughts; for I am unwilling to believe that he doth
it with a design to play tricks, and to *flyblow* my words, to
make others distrust them. *Stillingfleet.*
Like a *flyblown* cake of tallow;
Or, on parchment, ink turn'd yellow. *Swift.*
So morning insects, that in muck begun,
Shine, buzz, and *flyblow* in the setting sun. *Pope's Epistles.*
- FLY'BOAT. *n. f.* [fly and boat.] A kind of vessel nimble and
light for sailing.
FLYCA'TCHER. *n. f.* [fly and catch.] One that hunts flies.
There was more need of Brutus in Domitian's days, to
redeem or mend, than of Horace, to laugh at a *flycatcher*. *Dry.*
The swallow was a *flycatcher* as well as the spider. *L'Estr.*
- FLY'ER. *n. f.* [from fly.]
1. One that flies or runs away.
They hit one another with darts, as the others do with
their hands, which they never throw counter, but at the back
of the *flyer*. *Sandy's Journey.*
He grieves so many Britons should be lost;
Taking more pains, when he beheld them yield,
To save the *flyers* than to win the field. *Waller.*
2. One that uses wings.
3. The fly of a jack.
4. [In architecture.] Stairs made of an oblong square figure,
whose fore and backides are parallel to each other, and so are
their ends: the second of these *flyers* stands parallel behind
the first, the third behind the second, and so are said to fly off
from one another. *Moxon's Mech. Exerc.*
- To FLY'FISH. *v. n.* [fly and fish.] To angle with a hook
baited with a fly.
I shall next give you some other directions for *fly-
fishing*. *Walton's Angler.*
- FOAL. *n. f.* [pola, Saxon.] The offspring of a mare, or other
beast of burthen. The custom now is to use *colt* for a young
horse, and *foal* for a young mare; but there was not origi-
nally any such distinction.
Also flew his speed,
And with his winged heels did tread the wind,
As he had been a foal of Pegasus's kind. *Fairy Queen, b. i.*
Twenty she-afes and ten foals. *Gen. xxxii. 15.*
- To FOAL. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To bring forth a foal.
Give my horse to Timon: it foals me straight
Ten able horses. *Shakespeare's Timon.*
Such colts as are
Of generous race, straight, when they first are foal'd,
Walk proudly. *May's Georgicks.*
About September take your mares into the house, where
keep them 'till they foal. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
- FOALRIT. } *n. f.* Plants.
FOALFOOT. }
FOAM. *n. f.* [fram, Saxon.] The white substance which agita-
tion or fermentation gathers on the top of liquors; froth; spume.
The foam upon the water. *Def. x. 7.*
Whitening, down their mossy tinctur'd stream
Descends the billowy foam. *Thomson's Spring.*
- To FOAM. *v. n.* [from the noun.]
1. To froth; to gather foam.
What a beard of the general's cut will do among foaming
bottles and ale-wash'd wits, is wonderful. *Shakesp. Henry V.*
Cæsar fell down in the market-place, and foam'd at mouth,
and was speechless. *Shakespeare's Julius Cæsar.*